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## **Lower Monumental spillway weir delayed Installation at site not possible by April 13 goal.**

**WALLA WALLA, Wash.** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced today there will be a delay in the installation of the planned removable spillway weir (RSW) at Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, near Kahlotus, Wash., on the lower Snake River. The Corps has received written notice from the RSW's general contractor, Advanced American Construction Inc., of Oregon City, Ore., that the general contractor will be unable to install the removable spillway weir by the planned date of April 13, 2007.

The decision to delay was made to avoid impacting the safety of juvenile salmon as they migrate downstream, which usually begins around this time frame.

The Corps is now implementing their traditional spill at the dam to provide safe fish passage.

Once the juvenile migration season declines, which will be in the fall, the RSW will be installed.

Walla Walla District will continue to monitor the progress regarding the construction, delivery and installation of the Lower Monumental Dam RSW, which is being fabricated at Portland Shipyard.

Walla Walla District awarded the contract to Advanced American Construction Inc. in April, 2006 for around \$15 million.

A prototype spillway weir was first installed at Lower Granite Dam on the lower Snake River in 2001. A second weir was installed at Ice Harbor Dam in 2005. Testing at Lower Granite and Ice Harbor noted an average of 98-percent survival for fish passing the dams via the weirs.

For more information about the spillway weir and other programs to benefit anadromous fish in the Columbia River Basin, please see the "Fish Programs" links on the Walla Walla District's homepage <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/>.

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